

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 20-22, 24-27 and 29-30 remain in the application. Claims 29 and 30 are new and consideration of these new claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,698,941 to Jaskie et al. (hereinafter Jaskie). For the following reasons, the rejection is traversed.

Jaskie discloses a detailed structure of an optical correction region 902 within Figure 19 (reproduced below).

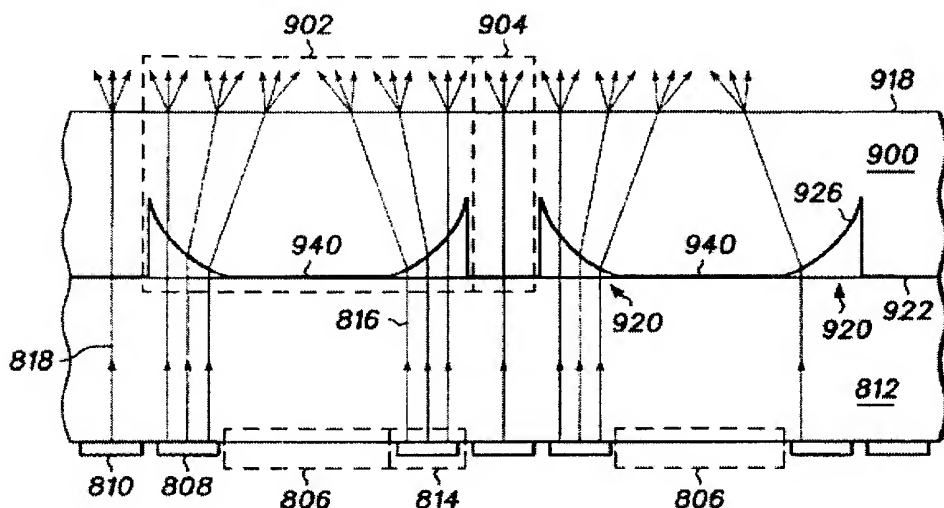


FIG. 19

Within this region 902 several grooves 920 are disclosed. An optically transparent region 904 is located adjacent to the correction region 902. Claim 20, as

currently amended requires at least two sections, of a partially transparent layer, each section comprising a pattern of micro-optical structures, wherein the patterns of micro-optical structures at least in adjacent sections are different from one another. Jaskie does not disclose *different patterns of grooves*, and there is also no disclosure therein that the grooves themselves differ individually from one another in any way either. Jaskie discloses the grooves 920 are made in the surface of the faceplate 812 and then covered with adhesive 940. There is no way to determine from the disclosure or figures of Jaskie that the grooves have a different shape from one another or are in different patterns. Thus, Applicant traverses the statement in the Office action that Jaskie disclose two sets of grooves 920 with different shapes in Figure 19.

Different patterns, as claimed, provide different optical functions at least in adjacent sections. Jaskie also does not disclose this feature, but rather only diverges light emitted by phosphor dots 808, thus disclosing only a single function.

Similarly the disclosure of Jaskie in Figs. 16-18 discloses only divergence of light coming from phosphor dots 808 by concave/convex surfaces which are part of a common structure.

Claims 21-22 and 24 depend directly or indirectly from claim 20 and are believed to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above.

Independent claim 25 also requires at least two sections, wherein each section comprises a pattern of micro-optical structures defining an optical function, wherein the patterns of micro-optical structures at least in adjacent sections are different from one another. Again it follows that optical functions defined by the micro-optical structures at least in adjacent sections are also different from one

another. As stated above with regard to independent claim 20, Jaskie does not disclose these features of the invention.

Claims 26 and 27 depend from independent claim 25 and are believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jaskie is respectfully requested.

New claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 20 and are believed to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above. In addition, claim 29 includes the feature of light from one light emitting element passing through at least two sections of the transparent layer, these sections having different optical structures. In contrast, Jaskie discloses light coming from one phosphor dot passing either through a groove (dots 808) or through a plane portion of the correction layer (dots 810), but not through both. Further, the claimed symmetrical characteristic of claim 30 is not disclosed by Jaskie.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. FRG-16076.

Respectfully submitted,

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